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## **Resolution 1990-11-12**

### **POSITION ON HAND-REARED WATERFOWL/POPULATION AUGMENTATION**

**WHEREAS**, wild waterfowl populations respond to the presence or absence of good breeding habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, hand-reared ducks, released into the wild, will be subject to the same limiting factors that are currently depressing duck recruitment; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have demonstrated inferior survival and reproduction in released hand-reared ducks; and

**WHEREAS**, costs of a hand-reared duck release program may detract from habitat management programs that benefit many species;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies opposes the release of hand-reared waterfowl into the wild as an intended population augmentation practice.